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## *Kansas Coliseum Renovation*

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### Information about the Kansas Coliseum:

The Kansas Coliseum was constructed in 1977 and opened in 1978. The Coliseum includes the Britt Brown Arena, the Sam Fulco Pavilion, Pavilion II, the Arena Building and Weideman Park.

The Kansas Coliseum resides at 1229 E. 85th St. N., Valley Center, 10 miles north of downtown Wichita on I-135. The original cost of the entertainment complex was approximately \$10 million.

There have been over 3,500 events, with more than 16.3 million visitors to the Coliseum complex. The Britt Brown Arena has a seating capacity of 12,000, with 300,000 square feet event area. There are about 270 events scheduled in the complex annually.

### Annual Operations:

The Kansas Coliseum operates as an enterprise fund, using self-generated revenues to fund the operations of the facility. Annual expenditures are approximately \$3.2 million. Most revenues are generated through concession sales, building rentals, advertising and ticket fees.

### What Happens Next?

Sedgwick County has established a Citizen Design Review Task Force to provide insight on the preferences of the community and to comment on proposed design concepts. Members of the Task Force are listed on the County's website.

We also encourage the public to share ideas through the "Online Public Forum" on the County website ([www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org)).

### Needed ADA renovations and other upgrades:

The Kansas Coliseum has never undergone a major renovation since its opening in 1978. ADA standards are requiring that Sedgwick County make certain changes and improvements:

- bathroom improvements (more ladies' rooms)
- handicapped-accessible seating at all levels

Other proposed changes MAY include:

- widening the concourse
- new seats with cupholders
- expanded lockers /dressing rooms for acts
- new lobby/ticket area
- additional seats
- improved lighting, signage and sound
- replace roof, chillers and fire sprinkler system

### Who has "played" at the Coliseum?

**Sports Teams:** Wichita Thunder Hockey, Wichita Stealth Arena Football, WSU Shocker Basketball ('02-'03)

**Concerts:** Eagles, Elton John, Cher, Garth Brooks, Pavarotti, Creed, Matchbox Twenty, Shania Twain, Dixie Chicks, George Strait, KISS

**Family Entertainment:** Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus, Sesame Street Live!, Harlem Globetrotters, Shrine Circus, PRCA Rodeo, Champions on Ice, Disney on Ice

**Other events:** WWE (formerly WWF), Thunder Nationals, Arenacross

### What about the Downtown Arena?

Because of community interest in a Downtown Arena, Sedgwick County has postponed any upgrades to the Coliseum since 1999. Because of the ADA issues and no immediate plan for the construction of a Downtown Arena, we must make needed renovations to the Coliseum. These renovations will allow us to continue to provide a venue for top entertainment in Sedgwick County and south central Kansas.



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